

Zion National Park Vegetation Map Class for **Arctostaphylos patula Shrubland Complex**

The map class "[Arctostaphylos patula Shrubland Complex](#)" is composed of the following vegetation associations, each described separately:

- [Arctostaphylos patula - Artemisia tridentate ssp. vaseyana Shrubland](#)
- [Arctostaphylos patula Shrubland](#)
- [Purshia stansburiana - Arctostaphylos patula Shrubland](#)

Besides gambel oak, greenleaf manzanita was probably the next most common shrub found at ZION during this study. This map class occurred park-wide and in a wide array of diverse habitats ranging from dense stands on plateau tops to sparse, stunted groups on slickrock. The olive green color of greenleaf manzanita really stood out on the true color aerial photography, making for relatively easy interpretation of this type. Some minor confusion may have existed when gambel oak grew in close proximity changing the call to Greenleaf Manzanita - Gambel Oak - (Utah Serviceberry) Shrubland map class. Green-leaf manzanita also occurred as a common understory species with ponderosa pine, often intermixing.